

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Problem to be solved

To provide a coating agent which affords a finish that is not as sticky, despite its viscosity, as conventional edible coating agents, thus resulting in coated particles that do not stick to each other, and which has an extremely low oxygen permeation coefficient, as well as to a coating agent which can be used as an enteric coating agent capable of controlling the time at which dissolution begins.

Solution

Yeast cell wall fractions consisting of cell residue obtained by removing soluble internal cell components from enzyme-treated yeast, or acid-treated yeast cell wall fractions consisting of cell residue obtained by removing the internal soluble cell components of enzyme-treated yeast, the residue being treated with an acidic aqueous solution to further remove the solubilized components, are used as a coating agent.